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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The generation born between 1946 and 1964 is
3 rapidly approaching retirement age; a Baby Boomer turns 50
4 every 7.5 seconds; in 2006, the first Baby Boomers turned 60;
5 by 2011, the first Baby Boomers will turn 65; people turning 50
6 today have half of their adult lives ahead of them; and

7 WHEREAS, This growth trend will hit its peak in 2030, when
8 the number of people over age 65 in the United States will soar
9 to 71.5 million - twice their number in 2000, or 1 in every 5
10 Americans; and

11 WHEREAS, The numbers of people over age 60 in the State of
12 Illinois is projected to increase by 87% from 1,966,236 in 2000
13 to 3,676,295 in 2030 - 1 in every 5 Illinoisans; and

14 WHEREAS, The number of persons over 85 in the State of
15 Illinois is projected to increase by 109% from 192,346 in 2000
16 to 402,311 in 2030, representing 11% of the over-60 population;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, A national survey of U.S. counties and cities
19 finds that only 46% of American communities have begun planning
20 to address the needs of the exploding population of Baby
21 Boomers; and

1 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly finds that State and
2 community preparedness for the aging of the population will
3 require long-range planning, dialogue across generations, and
4 collaboration among State and local governments and
5 organizations in the private sector; and

6 WHEREAS, The Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006
7 authorize the Illinois Department on Aging and the thirteen
8 Area Agencies on Aging to begin the process of assessing the
9 preparedness of the State and communities for the aging of the
10 citizenry and to formulate recommendations to government
11 officials at the State, county, and local levels in the areas
12 of health and human services, land use, housing,
13 transportation, public safety, workforce and economic
14 development, recreation, education, civic engagement, and
15 emergency preparedness; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Illinois Department
18 on Aging, the thirteen Area Agencies on Aging, and a statewide
19 membership organization that advocates for the needs of
20 seniors, with the advice of the Illinois Council on Aging and
21 the Older Adult Services Advisory Committee, and in
22 collaboration with other departments and offices of State
23 government, advocacy organizations on behalf of older adults,

1 local units of government, and organizations in the private
2 sector, shall assess the preparedness of the State of Illinois
3 and counties and communities within the thirteen Planning and
4 Service Areas of Illinois for the aging of the population and
5 shall submit a report with recommendations for the planning and
6 development of livable communities for all ages in Illinois to
7 the Illinois General Assembly, the Office of the Governor, and
8 local officials by January 1, 2011; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 delivered to the Director of the Illinois Department on Aging.